



6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, TX 78238

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEON VALLEY TREE ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting of the Leon Valley Tree Advisory Board (TAB) at 6:00 PM, on Monday, September 28, 2015, in the Leon Valley Conference Center at 6421 Evers Road, Leon Valley, Texas.

I. Poll for Attendance and Determination of a Quorum.

- Staff Liaison: Elizabeth Carol (Present)
- TAB Forester: Mark Kroeze, Alamo Region Urban Forester (Absent)
- Members Present: Irene Baldridge, Thomas Benavides, Denise Berger, Mary Key, Diana Sarfin, and Rich Sarfin
- Members Absent: Melinda Dawson
- Note: This was an out-of-cycle meeting to develop goals, objectives, and strategies for the tree component of the Leon Valley Master Plan.

II. Discussion on establishing Goals, Objectives, and Strategies on behalf of the tree component of the Leon Valley Master Plan.

- Ms. Carol provided a worksheet (Planning Scope) to organize this topic. Meeting discussions yielded the following draft proposed content for Section 7 (Tree Component) of the Leon Valley Master Plan.

Planning Scope

The geographic planning area referenced throughout this document includes the area within the City of Leon Valley. The functional planning areas include water, waste water, solid waste, air, energy, conservation and trees. In many cases, these elements are inter-connected and cannot be clearly separated. Therefore, some redundancy between the functional areas may be noted.

7. TREES

GOAL ONE: To plant 10,000 trees throughout the City of Leon Valley by 2020.

Objectives:

1. Provide a total of 500 live trees per year to City of Leon Valley's citizens and businesses for adoption and planting across the community.
2. Plant 6,000 Texas native understory trees within the natural area of Raymond Rimkus Park.
3. Investigate and identify other potential planting areas in the City of Leon Valley.

Recommended Strategies:

1. Involve community in city tree planting activities.
2. Leverage annual Earthwise Living Day and Arbor Day events for tree adoptions (give-aways).
3. Evaluate the survival rates of understory tree planting in the Raymond Rimkus natural area to determine cost effective planting strategies.
4. Explore alternative revenue sources to acquire trees.
5. Consider the use of a Neighbor Woods program within the City of Leon Valley.

GOAL TWO: To educate the community on the importance and value of trees

Objectives:

1. Make tree information more accessible to the Leon Valley community.
2. Create tree-focused social media avenue.
3. Establish City of Leon Valley representation and participation on the regional Alamo Forest Partnership organization.

Recommended Strategies:

1. Provide tree education at the Earthwise Living and Arbor Day events.
2. Improve and update the City of Leon Valley website with tree-focused information.
3. Investigate use of social media avenues, e.g. Facebook.
4. Community participation in City of Leon Valley organized tree plantings.

III. Future Agenda Items.

- **How to improve tree focus.** Not discussed.

- **Website updates.**

-- Ms Carol provided an update of the Tree Challenge & Tree Preservation section on the Leon Valley webpage. Updates will be provided at future meetings as appropriate.

- **Neighborwood program.** Not discussed.

- **Strategic Tree planting goals.** Not discussed.

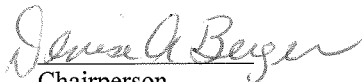
- **Other Topics.**

-- Ms Carol provided a copy of the 2015 Leon Arbor Day Poster Contest invitation and rules. Arbor Day will be discussed at the next scheduled TAB meeting.

IV. Adjourn.

- Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM.

- The next meeting of the TAB is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2015, at 6:00 PM, at the Leon Valley Fire Department Training Room.


Chairperson